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Mr. Robert W. Wells
Deputy Director
Information Security Oversight Office
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20405

Dear Mr. Wells:

Pursuant to your request of 24 May 1982, I have enclosed responses to Question 24 and Question 25 submitted by Congressman Glenn English, Chairman, Government Information and Individual Rights Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

Harry E. Fitzwater
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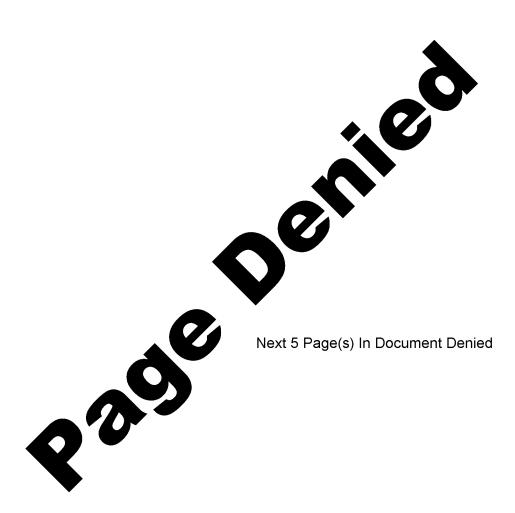
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Mr. Harry E. Fitzwater Deputy Director for Administration Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Fitzwater:

Enclosed is a list of questions submitted to the Director, Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), by Congressman Glenn English, Chairman, Government Information and Individual Rights Subcommittee. These questions are a follow-up to the hearings conducted on May 5, 1982.

The Director, ISOO has informed Congressman English that he will respond to the questions as close to June 7, 1982 as possible. To meet this deadline, we request your assistance in providing this office information upon which to base a reply to questions 24 and 25. We would appreciate a response by June 1, 1982. We would also welcome any comments you might wish to submit regarding any of the other questions on the enclosed list.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. WELLS Deputy Director

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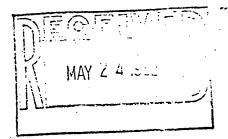
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Mr. Steven Garfinkel
Director, Information
Security Oversight Office
General Services Administration
10th and F Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Garfinkel:

On behalf of the Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, I thank you for your appearance at our recent hearing on the Executive Order on Security Classification. The transcript of that hearing is enclosed for your correction, along with instructions on the nature of the corrections that are permitted.

There were some additional questions that we did not have an opportunity to ask at the hearing. These questions are attached to this letter. I recognize that you might feel that some of these additional questions should be answered by the Department of Justice instead of your office. Rather than attempt to make this determination on my own, I have chosen to address all of the questions to you. If you feel that some should be assigned to the Department of Justice for response, please feel free to do so.

The subcommittee is considering additional activity in the near future on security classification matters. Accordingly, I ask that you respond to these additional questions within two weeks of the receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, you may contact subcommittee counsel Robert Gellman at 225-3741.

Sincerely,

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- 1. The order defines "national security" in terms of national defense and foreign relations. What does "foreign relations" mean?
- 2. Are there any decided FOIA cases that would have different results under the new Executive Order? Which ones and why would a different result be indicated?
- 3. Two of the three limitations on classification that appear in the Carter order were removed. Did the presence of the two deleted limitations cause any problems or misunderstandings for officials with classification authority?
- 4. Why was "cryptology" added as a new classification category? Is sensitive cryptological information classified now? Is there any cryptological information that should be protected that cannot now be classified?
- 5. Have sanctions ever been imposed on any federal employee for overclassifying information? If so, please provide details.
- 6. (a) The definition of "information" in the order uses the words "controlled by the government." When is information under the control of the government?
- (b) Is information that is subject to export controls considered to be "controlled by the government" within the meaning of this definition? Does the answer depend on the type of license required under federal law for the export of the information?
- 7. In responding to questions about reclassification of information under the new order, you stated that "hopefully the situation will be one of complete volunteerism on the part of the receiver of the information." If a person refuses to give up information for reclassification voluntarily, under what statutes can the government take action to recover the information?
- 8. You testified that the new classification category covering systems, installations, projects, or plans relating to national security" was intended to cover information concerning protection of the President and the embassies and civil preparedness. Was there any other specific type of information that this category was intended to cover?
- 9. During a discussion of the potential for overclassification of information, Mr. Willard responded to a question by asking: "What is the harm of overclassification?" From the perspective of ISOO, could you provide an answer to Mr. Willard's question?



(b) You also indicated that classification of some sources as confidential sources creates problems with an agency's relationship with these sources. What type of problems were reported to your office?

- 11. (a) Please provide for the record an estimate of the number of documents that are classified each year throughout government.
- (b) Please provide for the record an estimate of the number of documents that are declassified each year.
- (c) Please provide for the record a rough estimate of the total number of classified documents that now exist in government files.
- (d) Please provide for the record a list of all FOIA cases decided in the last five years in which classified documents were reviewed by the court and the number of classified documents that were reviewed in each case.
- 12. Who decided that the Carter Order needed to be revised and on what basis? When was the decision made? Were agencies asked for their views at this stage?
- 13. Once the decision to modify the Carter Order was made, were agencies asked for their suggestions prior to the circulation of a draft order? If so, when? Which agencies were asked and which responded to the request?
- 14. How many drafts were prepared and formally circulated to agencies prior to submission of the final draft to the President? When was each draft circulated and how long were agencies given to comment?
- 15. Did the Administration ever make a formal public announcement that a revision of the security classification order was either being considered or was underway? If so, who made the announcement and when? Please provide a copy for the record.
- 16. In your testimony, you listed a number of groups that you consulted during the revision process. Is that list complete?

 If not, please complete the list.
- 17. Were any of these groups provided a copy of a draft order or permitted to review a copy? If so, for each group, list the dates when copies were provided or when review was permitted?



- 18. How were the comments or suggestions of these groups used in preparing the final order?
- 19. Were there any groups that expressed interest in the Executive Order that were not offered an opportunity for a formal consultation?
- 20. Were there any groups that your office consulted with about the Executive Order revisions that had not first contacted you to express interest in the revision process?
- 21. Were any of the drafts ever released for public comment by the Reagan Administration? If not, why not?
- 22. The Carter Administration released a draft Executive Order on Security Classification for public comment. At what stage in the revision process was the draft order released?
- 23. How was the Carter draft order circulated? How long was allowed for public comments? How many comments were received and who submitted the comments?
- 24. Early this year, press accounts indicated that a multi-volume set of intelligence documents taken from the American embassy in Teheran was being sold openly. Some of the documents reproduced in these books reportedly were pieced together from shredded copies. What new document destruction techniques are available to preclude reconstruction of classified information that has been supposedly destroyed?
- 25. What kinds of emergency planning regarding the protection, removal, or destruction of classified material have been developed to avoid the loss of classified information such as occurred in Saigon and Teheran?

DDO should have been asked to prepare our response to #25.